

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC THE PARKER HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 423 Jefferson Ave. second

CITY, TOWN Towson Md. 21204 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Baltimore

STATE VICINITY OF COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME William T. Parker Telephone #: 666-1231

STREET & NUMBER Box 54, Route 2 Paper Mill Road

CITY, TOWN Maryland 21131 STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse Liber #: Folio #: 4817:185

STREET & NUMBER 401 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN Towson Md. 21204 STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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3rd quarter 19th century

This two-story log house is one of the oldest and most significant buildings in the East Towson neighborhood. The two front rooms each contain a fireplace backing on the central wall. The stair also runs along this wall. A kitchen to the rear has a fireplace along its west wall. All the fireplace mantels are composed of moldings dating from the third quarter of the 19th century.

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

423 Jefferson

This log house is one of the earliest and most interesting buildings in East Towson. On an 1877 map of the area it shows as the dwelling of J. Coniff.

The two-story main block of the house is three bays wide and one bay deep. Its gable roof runs north-south, parallel to the street. A two-story gable-roofed kitchen wing was added between 1877 and 1898 and runs perpendicular to the main block from the southwest corner. This wing is one step lower than the main house. The house rests on a foundation of thin flat stones. The present concrete-walled cellar was either dug out after the house was built, or was originally a dirt-walled cellar. The exterior cellar entrance is at the north end. An interior entrance was cut through later under the main stair.

Three 6/6 windows light the second floor of the street facade. A 6/6 window appears to either side of the central door on the first floor. The shed roof of the semi-enclosed porch shading the street facade is supported by square posts. A two-pane cellar light appears in the south wall. A 6/6 window lights each floor of the west wall to the south, where it is not covered by the kitchen wing. The south wall of the kitchen is lit by two 6/6 windows on each floor, and one window lights each floor on the west. A mid 20th century addition runs northward from this wing. One 6/6 window is visible in the north wall of the wing on the second floor.

The main block of the house is divided into two rooms, with a central chimney serving both of them. The front door leads to the north room. An enclosed stair turns in the southwest corner of this room. The stair door has two long panels. A small cupboard appears under the south wall of the stair. The adjacent fireplace displays a simply-finished mantelpiece which includes quirk ogee-chamfer moldings. A similar fireplace heats the south room. A fireplace in the west wall of the kitchen features chamfered pilasters.

The house is located within a few feet of the street. It is presently covered with tan aluminum siding.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The local history has it that this house was one of the earliest houses constructed in E. Towson. (1877 G. M. Hopkins indicates that the building was owned by the Coniff's)

This building was owned by the Coniff's, Mrs. Coniff was one of the first teachers of the colored school in E. Towson. Subsequent owners of this house were James and Bessie Reed, Walter S. Mack 1951-1967 and the present owner William T. Parker. William T. Parker has owned the property since 1967. William T. Parker leases the property to Robert Miller

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marcus Pollock/coordinator Merry Stinson/architect 7/77

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Committee to Save E. Towson/Towson Ymca

823-3870

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

600 W. Chesapeake Ave.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Towson Md. 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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Parker House

423 Jefferson Ave.

Towson, Md.

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Merry Stinson

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